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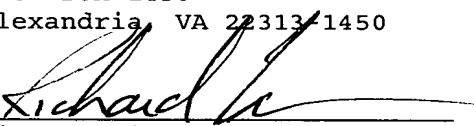
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REQUIREMENTS UNDER 37 U.S.C. 371

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 37 U.S.C. 371 dated December 30, 2005, applicants enclose a copy of a Transmittal of Executed Declaration and a copy of the executed declaration of the inventors, filed on January 4, 2006, with the \$130.00 surcharge fee.

A copy of the notification of missing requirements is submitted with this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL OF EXECUTED DECLARATION**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an executed Declaration for filing in the above-identified application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 as the surcharge fee.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/15/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/15/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/15/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 06/15/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/15/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/15/2005
- Specification filed on 06/15/2005
- Claims filed on 06/15/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/15/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/15/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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